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AUGUST 31, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEMS

NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER DIES:

PRIME MINISTER NORMAN KIRK DIED TODAY OF A SUDDEN HEART
SEIZURE IN A WELLINGTON HOSPITAL, ACCORDING TO A REUTER
REPORT.

NEW EGYPTIAN CABINET: PRESIDENT SADAT HAS DECIDED TO GIVE
UP THE PREMIERSHIP AND HAS ASKED FIRST DEPUTY PREMIER HIJAZI
TO FORM A NEW CABINET, ACCORDING TO TODAY'S EDITION OF A
CAIRO NEWSPAPER. THE NEW LINE-UP PROBABLY WILL BE ANNOUNCED
WITHIN TWO WEEKS AND MOST OF THE MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED TO
RETAIN THEIR POSTS. SADAT WILL ALSO REPORTEDLY PROPOSE AN
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR DIRECT PRESI-
DENTIAL AND VICE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.

DANISH PRIME MINISTER RULES OUT ANY CUT IN DEFENSE BUDGET:
PRIME MINISTER POUL HARTLING HAS TAKEN DECISIVE ACTION TO
SCOTCH FURTHER DISCUSSION OF A REDUCTION IN THE DANISH DE-
FENSE BUDGET. RESPONDING TO THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PROPOSAL
TO CUT THE DEFENSE BUDGET IN CONNECTION WITH NEGOTIATIONS
FOR GOVERNMENT SAVINGS, THE PRIME MINISTER CALLED LEADERS OF
ALL FOUR PARTIES WHICH AGREED TO THE 1973 DEFENSE COMPROMISE
TO A HALF-HOUR MEETING IN HIS OFFICE THE AFTERNOON OF AU-
GUST 29. DEFENSE MINISTER ERLING BRONDORF, REPRESENTING
HARTLING'S OWN MODERATE LIBERAL PARTY, AND POUL SCHLUTER
OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY CATEGORICALLY OPPOSED ANY DEFENSE
REDUCTION. SOCIAL DEMOCRAT ANKER JORGENSEN AND MILHAR
BAUNEGAARD OF THE RADICAL LIBERALS THEREUPON ACKNOWLEDGED
THAT THE DEFENSE BUDGET WOULD REMAIN OUTSIDE EVENTUAL BUDGET
REDUCTIONS. (CLIFT)

SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA: THE EMPEROR HAS COME UNDER INCREAS-
ING PERSONAL ATTACK; A RECENT BBC BROADCAST REPORTED THAT
HE WAS CONFINED TO HIS PALACE AND THAT ASSASSINATION WAS IM-

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NINENT. THE ETHIOPIAN ARMED FORCES COORDINATING COMMITTEE, WHICH, [REDACTED] DID NOT DENY THE STATEMENT CONCERNING CONFINEMENT, DID OBJECT TO THAT PORTION CONCERNING ABDICATION AND ISSUED A STERN WARNING TO THE RESIDENT BBC CORRESPONDENT.

IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, [REDACTED]

THE SUDANESE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS EXPRESSED TO THE SAUDIS THE VIEW THAT THEY AND OTHER LIKE-MINDED ARAB STATES SHOULD JOIN IN GIVING ENCOURAGEMENT AND ASSISTANCE TO THE NEW MODERATE LEADERSHIP OF ETHIOPIA, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE THREAT POSED TO ETHIOPIA, BY THE PRO-SOVIET GOVERNMENT IN SOMALIA. THE SAUDIS AGREED BUT SAID THAT KING FAYSAL WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO TAKE SIGNIFICANT OVERT ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF ETHIOPIA JUST WHEN THE MILITARY ARE TAKING EXTREME ACTIONS AGAINST THE EMPEROR. ONE CAN SPECULATE THAT IF THIS IS FAYSAL'S VIEW, IT MAY WELL BE SHARED BY THE SHAH OF IRAN, WHO, LIKE FAYSAL, HAS BEEN ASKED FOR AID BY THE ETHIOPIANS. (CHORAN)

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ZAMBIAN MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICANS: ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MWANGA HAS SOUGHT A PRIVATE MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS IN CONNECTION WITH A VISIT TO SWAZILAND. THE ZAMBIANS HAVE TURNED TO OUR EMBASSY IN LUSAKA FOR FACILITATIVE SERVICES, WHICH TOGETHER WITH OUR EMBASSY IN CAPETOWN HAS ARRANGED A MEETING SEPTEMBER 7 AT THE JAN SMUTS AIRPORT NEAR PRETORIA. MWANGA HAS INDICATED THAT HE WILL RAISE THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AMONG OTHERS:

- SOUTH AFRICA'S ATTITUDE AND INTENTION TOWARD MOZAMBIQUE;
- THE NEED FOR SOUTH AFRICA TO TAKE STEPS TOWARD GRANTING NAMIBIA INDEPENDENCE;
- THE FACT THAT NO ONE QUESTIONS SOUTH AFRICA'S STATUS AS AN INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGN STATE WHOSE INTERNAL AFFAIRS ARE ITS OWN CONCERN, SUBJECT TO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE REST OF THE WORLD TO ACT IN DEFENSE OF HUMANITY;
- THE FACT THAT SOUTH AFRICA MUST BEGIN TO TAKE POSITIVE STEPS TO BRING THE MAJORITY OF ITS POPULATION INTO THE POLITICAL MAINSTREAM.

MWANGA'S MAJOR PREOCCUPATION IS THE DESIRE THAT THE MEETING GO UNPUBLICIZED. IF THE MEETING DOES TAKE PLACE AND IS REASONABLY SUCCESSFUL, OUR ASSISTANCE WILL REDOUND TO OUR CREDIT.

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PERU SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN: PERU AND JAPAN HAVE CON-
CLUDED AN AGREEMENT FOR A \$335 MILLION LOAN BY JAPAN FOR THE
TRANS-ANDEAN OIL PIPELINE PROJECT. JAPAN REPORTEDLY WILL BUY
259.5 MILLION BARRELS OF PERUVIAN OIL OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS.
PART OF THE OIL WOULD BE IN REPAYMENT FOR THE LOAN BUT THERE
WILL ALSO BE PARTIAL CASH PAYMENT OVER TEN YEARS, WITH INTEREST
AT SIX PERCENT FOR THE FIRST \$100 MILLION AND 6.5 PERCENT FOR
THE REMAINDER. AS YOU REMEMBER, FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR
IS ALSO SEEKING EXPORT-IMPORT CONCESSIONAL FINANCING FOR U.S.
GOODS AND SERVICES TO BE USED IN THE PIPELINE. (LOW)

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